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SUBJ: PROPOSAL BY NOAA TO ASSIST GOL ESTABLISH RADAR-WIND STATION AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1. WHILE AT MEETING JULY 15 IN OFFICE WITH ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR TRANSPORTATION CAMPBELL, COMMATT SHOWN LETTER ON NOAA LETTER-HEAD FROM ROBERT M. WHITE, PERMREP OF US TO THE WMO TO WILLIAM PHILLIPS, LIBERIAN PERMREP TO WMO, DATED JUNE 21, 1976 (REF NO. IA2). LETTER IN PART STATES: QTE THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RADAR-WIND STATION AT ROBERTS FIELD IF YOU FEEL THAT THIS STATION WOULD BE USEFUL AND THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT AFTER THE INITIAL TWO YEARS' SUPPLY OF EXPENDABLES HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. THE UNITED STATES WOULD SUPPLY THE BASIC GROUND EQUIPMENT AND ALL EXPENDABLES AND SPARE PARTS REQUIRED FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS, AND WOULD PROVIDE TRAINING FOR YOUR PERSONNEL IN OPERATION AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT UNQTE.

2. CAMPBELL INDICATED GOL DEFINITELY INTERESTED AND THAT IT STUDYING PROPOSAL, AND ASKED FOR EMBSSY'S POSITION AND FURTHER DETAILS. COMMATT RESPONDED THAT HE SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED THAT THE HAD NO RPT NO DETAILS TO PROVIDE BUT SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT OBTAIN SOONEST. COMMATT ALSO ASKED CAMPBELL IF GOL PLANNING TO CHANNEL GOL RESPONSE THROUGH EMBASSY. CAMPBELL SAID COMMERCE MINISTRY ALREADY

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PROCESSING RESPONSE THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ADDED

THAT QTE OF COURSE GOL WILL RESPOND THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS UNQTE.

3. WE CONCERNED THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS MADE TO GOL WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE WITH EMBASSY. FROM SKETCHY INFORMATION GLEANED FROM NOAA LETTER, PROPOSAL SOUNDS LIKE GOOD IDEA, BUT EMBASSY WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION BEFORE GIVING CONCURRENCE. ALTHOUGH WE INFER FROM LETTER THAT PROPOSAL MAY BE BEING MADE THROUGH AUSPICES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) IT COMES FROM USDOC. THUS EMBASSY, WITH ITS AGENCY COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITIES, SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONDUIT FOR MAKING PROPOSAL TO GOL, OR AT LEAST SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORMED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY ASAP DETAILS OR NOAA PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ANSWERS TO SUCH QUESTIONS AS: COST OF PROPOSAL, PURPOSE, TYPE OF TRAINING TO BE PROVIDED, LOCATION OF TRAINING, NUMBERS OF US PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE COMING TO LIBERIA TO IMPLEMENT PROJECT, TIMING OF PROJECT, IF THIS DIRECT USG PROJECT OR UNDER AUSPICES OF WMO. CARTER

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